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1

Hello!

2

My name is Nightpaw!

3

It's because of my long, black fur! I love it!

4

Oh, I'm a medicine cat, too.

5

Well, training to be one, anyway!

6

My mentor, Muskbush, is really nice to me.

7

He's my favorite cat!

8

Whenever we go to collect herbs, we ALWAYS stop to look at the view atop the big cliff at the end of our territory.

9

I always thought it was really beautiful, even if twoleg homes were scattered across the view...

10

Muskbush is my favorite cat.

11

He's always there for me.

12

Oh! I've got to go now- Muskbush and I are going to collect some poppy seeds.

13

...

14

Like always, we sat down and watched the view on the cliff.

15

I... I really wish we hadn't that day.

16

He was just about to show me something in the distance...

17

And he stepped closer to the edge...

18

He tripped.

19

I thought he was going to fall, and he nearly did...

20

So I grabbed his tail and pulled him back quickly...

21

And he really did trip that time.

22

I opened my mouth to scream.

23

And he fell.

24

I-I watched him tumble down...

25

Down…

26

Down…!

27

I felt- no, *feel* so, SO GUILTY!

28

If I had just…

29

Oh, Starclan...!

30

Forgive me...!

31

Still, I stare at his now unmoving corpse...

32

And I scream.

33

The nearby patrol hears me and rushes over.

34

They rushed over to a sobbing, helpless cat like me...

35

And as Feathertuft stared over the cliff with me...

36

She screamed as well.

37

I'm sorry... so sorry...

38

...

39

5 moons...

40

5 moons ever since...

41

Oh, Starclan, why did I have to go out that day?

42

...Speaking of Starclan!

43

Muskbush gave me my Medicine Cat name last time I went to the Moonwillow.

44

I tried really hard not to cry in front of him...

45

But I did anyway...

46

... He named me Nightsorrow.

47

Everyone thinks it's a beautiful name...

48

But I hate it.

49

It IS pretty, but...

50

The fact the it was given to me by my dead mentor...

51

I want to cry every time someone calls my name.

52

When I'm collecting herbs...

53

I don't ever go to the cliffside.

54

But today...

55

I think I will try and enjoy the view again.

56

For Muskbush.

57

Maybe he'll be waiting for me...

58

It was a long trek up the hill, but I finally rose up to the cliffside and stared out at the horizon.

59

I took a step forward, and looked down.

60

My... my head feels dizzy...

61

Why…

62

Why do I...

63

Why do I want to jump?

64

No!

65

I sprint away from the hypnotizing cliffside, and all I can think about is...

66

I **don't** want to die!

67

I want to keep living!

68

So **WHY**?!

69

I... I'm so terrified now.

70

If I go there again, I might really jump...!

71

Oh, Starclan, please... please don't let that happen to me...

72

I can't ever go there again.

73

I'm sorry Muskbush...

74

I'm not ready to see you again yet...

75

And you know what really scares me?

76

Part of me wants to go back.

77

To feel what it's like to fall, to die...

78

...and that absolutely terrifies me that I think that way.

79

...

80

We- Stoneclan- are going to have a battle at the cliffside.

81

Overstar said a patrol caught some Burrowclanners stealing prey there.

82

I kind of want to go there with them.

83

I need to go there with them.

84

I need to make sure no one else falls.

85

...

86

Don't look down.

87

As a battlefield medicine cat, it's my duty to gather those wounded in a safe area.

88

No one dares fight close to the cliff.

89

Just thinking about the sight below makes me feel sick.

90

"It's a lovely view up here, Nightsorrow..."

91

Dustwing looks beyond the cliff, and my eyes trail along with his.

92

"...Nightsorrow?"

93

I said don't look down!

94

Please... please, Starclan, take me away from here...!

95

The world is spinning...

96

I'm trying not to scream...

97

I really am!

98

I…

99

I really tried...

100

And yet...

101

Screams fill my ears as I tumble down...

102

Down...

103

Down.

Facts

Acrophobia (akrəˈfōbēə): Extreme or irrational fear of heights.

• Nightsorrow suffered from Acrophobia, in which, "Some acrophobics also suffer from urges to throw themselves off high places, despite not being suicidal." (http://www.psychologistanywhereanytime.com)

• Nightsorrow would have liked her name to be Nightflower or Nightshine.

• The four clans that live in Nightsorrow's area are Stoneclan, Burrowclan, Sleekclan, and Gorseclan. They reside around a large river with many hills and birch trees. Stoneclan and Burrowclan live near the cliff, which is near a waterfall, while Sleekclan and Gorseclan live on the other side of the river with more bushes than trees.

• The clans meet every full moon at the bottom of the waterfall at a beach. The leaders and deputies stand on some rocks next to the waterfall.

• The medicine cats meet at the 'Moonwillow', a willow tree with overgrown roots. They lay underneath a root to dream with Starclan.

• Nightsorrow's father was dead, so she looked upon Musbush as a fatherly figure.

• Nightsorrow did indeed jump at the battle; the Medicine cats told Stoneclan and Burrowclan at the next Gathering that Nightsorrow

had acrophobia (as told by Nightsorrow at the Moonwillow), and the cliffside was renamed "Sorrow's Cliff".

• The battle was halted immediately as everyone realized what happened, and a few Burrowclanners admitted to taking some prey, and no cat ever fought there as respect to Muskbush and Nightsorrow.

• There's a cliffside in Starclan where Muskbush and Nightsorrow go to try and help with Nightsorrow's acrophobia.

Thank you for reading my book!